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AMENDMENT AFTER SECOND ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-3, 5-19, 21, and 22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-19, 21, and 22 stand presently rejected. Claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 20, and 21 had earlier been identified by the examiner as containing patentable subject matter, but have now been rejected. Claims 1, 2, 9, 16, and 17 are objected to for various informalities. Applicants respond to the objections and rejections as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.

The **Conclusion** and statement of fees begin on page 10.